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SUBJECT: REPAIR OF TOW MISSILES

REF: (A) STATE 094501 (NOTAL) (B) CDRDARCOM ALEX VA MSG DTG
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1. CHARGE CALLED JUNE 25 ON ROBERT BROWNING, DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF DEFENSE MINISTRY, TO CONVEY USG POSITION ON POSSIBILITY
OF OMAN REPAIRING ITS TOW MISSILES IN IRAN (REF A). THIS WAS
FIRST MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME WHEN THIS COULD BE PRESENTED TO
BROWNING, WHO HAD RAISED QUESTION ORIGINALLY. CHARGE LEFT
JBIECE OF PAPER EXPLAINING ALL POINTS REF A.

2. BROWNING SAID HE WOULD STUDY THE MATTER AND LET US KNOW
THE OMANGOV REACTION. CHARGE SAID WE WOULD TAKE NO FURTHER
ACTION UNLESS AND UPWIL WE HEAR WHETHER OMANGOV WISHES TO
PURSUE THIS OPTION.

3. CHARGE ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO MENTION UPCOMING EXPIRATION
DATE OF FMS CASE UAD GOVERNING REPAIR OF TOW COMPONENTS
IN US (REF B), SUGGESTING OMANGOV BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF
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WHETHER IT WISHES TO RENEW FQWR FURTHER YEAR.

4. COMMENT: OMANGOV MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IS CURRENTLY
REASSESSING TOW MISSILE SYSTEM AS PART OF ITS ARSENAL.
REASSESSMENT IS PROMPTED LARGELY BY ARRIVAL OF NEW ARMY
COMMANDER AND NEW HEAD OF JOINT STAFF A FEW MONTHS AGO.
HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE ANOTHER FACTOR IS DIFFICULTIES FACED UP

TO NOW REPAIRING COMPONENTS IN U.S. UNDER CASE UAD.
(NO COMPONENTS SENT FOR REPAIR HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BACK YET,
A PROBLEM ATTRIBUTABLE TO VARIOUS CAUSES BUT FOM MINISTRY'S
VIEW POINT DUE PARTLY TO DELAYS ON USG SIDE.) ONE RESULT
OF REASSESSMENT IS FREEZING OF REPLENISHMENT ORDER OF 136 TOW
MISSILES (REF C).

5. PRESENTATION OF VARIOUS OPTIONS ON REPAIR SHOULD HELP
MINISTRY'S REVIEW AND WE BELIEVE IS APPRECIATED. STILL
ANOTHER OPTION THEY ARE CONSIDERING IS REPAIR OF SOME COMPONENTS
IN OMAN, FOR WHICH MINISTRY REQUESTED PRICING DATA OF TEST
AND OTHER EQUIPMENT WHICH WE HAVE PRESENTED TO THEM (REF
FMS CASE DA-OMAN-PAC).

6. WE WILL CONVEY TO ADDRESSES OMANGOV DECISIONS ON (A)
REPAIR OF COMPONENTS AND (B) ORDER OF 136 MISSILES AS SOON
AS KNOWN.
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